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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29TH, 1911.

In October last, a correspondent writing under the nom de plume of "Taxpayer" asked whether it is not time that the red local typhoon signals were abolished? These signals indicate that the centre of a typhoon is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony—a fact which, "Taxpayer" wrote, was of no interest to any person unconnected with shipping, and of no use whatever to shipping people, who rely on the very efficient code of signals displayed on the yard-arm of the storm signal mast at Blackhead's Point. From the yard arm signals a shipmaster can locate every typhoon, report and shape his course accordingly. The masthead (cone, drum and ball) signals are only useful to the boat people and landsmen, and none of these, added "Taxpayer," want to be worried and upset by typhoon scares before the storm centre crosses the 300 mile limit. He asserted that when that limit is crossed, there is ample time to repair to the typhoon anchorages or put up typhoon shutters. At the sight of the red signals every boatman flies to Causeway Bay, as he knows it is "first come, first served" there, and if too late, he may be shut out; then follows a day of idleness, causing untold loss to shipping, to boat people and to the trade of the Colony.

"Taxpayer's" letter concluded with the statement that since the introduction of the China Coast Storm Code (yard-arm signals) the Red Local Signals are an anachronism, as useless and as obstructive as that old Dodo the Clock Tower, and their

discontinuance would be equally welcome to the Colony. Yesterday we published several interesting Minutes on this subject which had been forwarded by the Government to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fao, the Director of the Observatory, describes the matter as one of some difficulty, and, in his opinion requires very careful consideration before the course suggested by "Taxpayer" is adopted, and though in another minute the Director of the Observatory says he is of opinion that it would be unwise at present to dispense with the red signals, he makes out no satisfactory case for their retention. Mr. Fao says the retention of the red signals is more particularly necessary in view of the typhoons which reach the China Sea via the Bashi and Balingtang Channels; but as, on the Director's own showing, it would take 20 hours for the centre of the storm, at its highest rate of progression, to reach the Colony after it had passed within the black signal radius (300 miles), and, as the Harbour Master says, this is, "generally speaking, some 16 hours before the roughness of the sea and the force of the wind could be such as to interfere with native craft, fishers, &c., being towed in to various shelters," what need is there to hoist red signals at all? The Harbour Master recognises the value of the information to ships leaving port that a storm is situated in the Bashi or Balingtang Channels, but he submits that this information could be given from the Harbour Office to all Masters clearing, without hoisting a red signal, "which only alarms the native craft and generally delays the work of the port, although the weather is then fine and the sea smooth." It has frequently happened that storms signalled as being beyond the 300 miles radius have never come near the Colony, but the mere fact of hoisting the red signal has so alarmed the junk and sampan people that they have hastened to get into the shelter. Much needless expense and inconvenience to shipping have been caused thereby, and it has been a subject of very general complaint. On the other hand, we have heard some shipmasters condemn the agitation for the abolition of the red signals, and as the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has not yet, apparently, informed the Government of its opinion as to the desirability of making the change, those who hold that the use of the red signals is not so detrimental to shipping and useless to the port as "Taxpayer" and the Harbour Master see an early opportunity of stating the case for their retention.

The Colonial Secretary's Office informs us that Singapore has been relieved from quarantine.

The German mail which left here on November 29th was delivered in London on the 27th inst.

Twenty men of the K.O.Y.L.I. regiment were sworn in as special constables before Mr. Melbourne yesterday.

Sui Tuk Tsip was charged before Mr. Irving at the Magistracy yesterday with having imported into the Colony four Winchester rifles and 2,600 rounds of ammunition without a licence. He was remanded in \$500 being allowed.

For throwing stones at P.C. Burnett, who was in charge of the piquet in Queen's Road West on Sunday last, Yung Shi Pat was sentenced by Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy yesterday to receive twenty-eight strokes of the "cat," and 48 hours' detention.

Manila has "a city police scandal." Two members of the force have been suspended from duty, and, according to one of the Manila papers, it is understood that these suspensions are forerunners of larger developments in the investigation now proceeding. The nature of the scandal is not yet publicly disclosed.

At the last meeting of the Kulangsu (Amoy) Municipal Council, it was decided to call the attention of the Consular Body to the present status of the Mixed Court Magistrate, and to request the Consular Body to inform the Council under what authority the Mixed Court Magistrate is acting, now that there is no Imperial Government Taotai in Amoy.

Four Chinese were responsible for an armed robbery which took place at Un Leng, near Kowloon City, at about 1.30 on the morning of the 26th. It is supposed that four or five men entered a house by breaking in the door. They first met an old man, a farmer, and beat him over the head with an iron bar. He was afterwards treated by a Chinese doctor. The men then proceeded to an inner apartment where the old man's son and his wife were sleeping. They, however, barricaded the door and prevented the robbers from entering. The son fired two or three shots from a revolver and wounded one or two of the men slightly. The wounded men made their escape, but the others were arrested, and were charged at the Magistracy yesterday morning. On the application of Inspector Gordon, a remand was granted.

The London Musical and Comedy Co. give their first performance in the Theatre tonight. They come with the best of recommendations, and they are described as the strongest combination that has ever toured in the East. The plans are at Robinsons. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Company is unable to give more than two performances in the Colony to-night and to-morrow.

A police notice which has just been posted in the Colony advises ladies to carry police whistles, which can be purchased at many of the local stores. The cases of highway robbery from ladies which occurred in the Colony a few weeks ago have naturally created some uneasiness, but it is satisfactory to be able to state that no recent case of the kind has been reported. This is possibly due in some measure to the steps taken by the police to advise ladies of the risk of carrying bags likely to excite the cupidity of the Chinese thief. It is well known, however, that as each Chinese New Year approaches, and the pinch of poverty is more acutely felt among the criminal classes, robberies are more numerous than at any other season, and as this year the criminal element of the population has been increased by an influx due to the disturbed conditions on the mainland, special precautions are advisable and necessary.

There is a story current among the Chinese in Singapore, says the *Straits Times*, that is sensational but not beyond the bounds of possibility. It is said that some agents of the Imperial Chinese Government had made ample preparations for the assassination of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as he was passing through Singapore. The story is circumstantial to the extent that Chinaman had been paid \$600 down by a firm of local goldsmiths, with a promise of a further \$200,000 if he succeeded in killing the arch-reformer. Whatever its truth, the story reached the ears of Dr. Sun's friends before he arrived, and his prospective movements were not made known until the *Devanha* arrived in port. Up till that moment only a limited circle of people knew that Dr. Sun would spend the night at the house of Mr. Tan Boa Liat. The force of detectives allotted to the work of guarding the house and the person of Dr. Sun were given very strict instructions and happily their precautions were successful.

## A NAVAL WEDDING.

A very pretty naval wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church yesterday. The contracting parties were Capt. Edward Merlin, and Miss Winifred Elizabeth Fulcher, daughter of Captain W. Fulcher, of the Middlesex Regiment. The bride, who looked charming in her long-trained gown of white satin trimmed with pearl embroidery and chiffon with a girdle of pearls, was given away by Lieutenant and Commander Hancock, R.N., while Lieutenant Bennett, R.N., attended the bride-groom as "best man." The bride wore a tulle embroidered veil over a coronet of orange blossoms and carried a beautiful shower-bouquet. She was followed to the altar by a little bridesmaid, Miss Bridget Phillips, while Master Kenneth Hancock acted as page attired in a Jack Tar suit. After the ceremony, at which Father Watson officiated, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Hancock received the happy pair and their friends at No. 1, Macdonnell Road. The bride left for her honeymoon, which will be spent at Macao, in a very pretty gown of white lace and satin with a cream cloth coat and a pink and white hat trimmed with lace and moss-roses.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## A PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT ACTION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With reference to the letter dated 23rd December, will you kindly allow us to amend it by stating that the protest is made on behalf of the authorised Architects belonging to the firms whose signatures are appended.

We are, etc.,  
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## TYphoon SIGNALS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

DEAR SIR.—May I be permitted to tentatively suggest for consideration the following alternative solution of the typhoon-signals problem, namely, that a Regulation be passed prohibiting vessels from making use of the Harbour of Refuge except when the black signals are up.

In this way the red signals would be

preserved as long-distance warnings, whilst the inconvenience to shipping, which is occasioned by many of the junks and cargo-boats and sampans hurrying off to

the Harbour of Refuge directly the red signals are hoisted (in order to make sure of getting a

berth there), would be avoided.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. POLLOCK.

## TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE REVOLUTION.

Reuter's correspondent at Shanghai says the arrival of Sun-Yat-Sen threatens a change in the situation.

It is expected that he will be elected President.

The provinces of China proclaim a continuance of the campaign unless the Manchus surrender.

## THE SITUATION IN PERSIA.

[REPLY TO THE RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM.]

[LONDON, December 28th.]

Reuter's Agency learns that the Persian reply to the Russian ultimatum states that in view of the strong desire for cordial relations on the part of Great Britain and Russia, Persia will be careful in future that appointments of foreign officers will not be made in a way likely to injure the lawful interests of the two Governments.

The Persian Government will consult the Legation on such appointments.

## STRONG MEASURES BY RUSSIA.

It is announced at St. Petersburg that as the Persian Government is powerless to punish the authors of anti-Russian outbreaks at Tabriz, Reish, and Enzeli; the Russian Government has directed the Russian commanders to take the severest repressive measures, including the arrest and court-martialling of the assailants of the Russian troops, the disarmament of the Fidais and other troublesome native elements, and the destruction of places where resistance might be offered.

## ATTACK ON A BRITISH CONSUL.

Mr. Smart, the British Consul at Shiraz, while travelling thither from Bushire with an escort of sowars, was attacked by Kashgai road guards near Kazerun.

A severe fight ensued in which one sower was killed and three wounded.

Mr. Smart is missing. His wounded horse has been recovered.

The escort fought its way to Kazerun.

Reuter's Teheran correspondent states that the Indian sowars who were attacked at the 27th inst., numbered one hundred. They lost two killed and wounded, and one missing, and are now holding a position at Kazerun. A force of 130 sowars commanded by Colonel Douglas is hurrying to reinforce them.

Mr. Smart, the British Consul at Shiraz whom the sowars were escorting, was left behind when the escort retreated, and is reported to be lying wounded in a caravanserai eight miles from Kazerun.

## THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN AMERICA.

[LONDON, December 28th.]

Mr. La Follette, the Progressive Republican candidate for the Presidency, opened his Eastern campaign at Cleveland, Ohio. In his speech he attacked the Trusts and their power over the Government legislation and the Law Courts, and he denounced the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Bill, and the Aldrich monetary reform as increasing the power of the Trusts.

## FRANCO-JAPANESE COMMERCIAL TREATY.

[LONDON, December 28th.]

The French Chamber has passed the new Franco-Japanese Commercial Convention without a division.

The Chairman of the Customs Committee emphasised the advantage of good relations with Japan.

The Minister of Commerce explained the advantages of the Convention.

The Premier said it would draw the two nations together in closer bonds of sympathy.

## JAPAN AND THE POWERS.

[LONDON, December 28th.]

Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo reports that the Emperor, in opening the Diet, referred to the increasingly friendly feelings between Japan and the Powers, and expressed high satisfaction at the renewal of the treaty with Great Britain.

## BRITISH STEAMER FOUNDRED.

[LONDON, December 28th.]

Lloyd's agent at Lisbon states that the British steamer *Hughenden*, bound from Smyrna to Dublin, founded in the Bay of Biscay on the 21st inst. Two of her crew were picked up, but the others were drowned.

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

[CANTON, December 27.]

THE "CLEVELAND" TOURISTS.

The Cleveland tourists to the number of

200 arrived here this afternoon by the s.s.

*Kinshau*. Elaborate arrangements had been made for their journey through the city by

Mr. Haynes, the manager of the Victoria Hotel, and they were met at the Admiralty wharf, where they disembarked by an army of chair coolies. Lined up opposite the boat at places along the route were 2,000 troops, and at intervals between the chairs were to be found escorts.

When the ship arrived a massed band of

Chinese soldiers reeled off "Marching Through Georgia" in quite good style and essayed several other American airs, and generally it seemed to be looked upon as a sort of gala day.

The troops on duty were exceedingly smart and their presence and conduct says a very great deal for the governing authorities.

Better order could not have been preserved, and everything went through as smoothly as could have been wished.

The route followed was as arranged, and the tourists got a good view of Canton as could be possibly got in the short time at their disposal.

The *Kinshau* was unfortunately a little late on account of a very low tide and this hurried

matters a bit. All the afternoon the bund was crowded and around the wharf were

thousands of Chinese onlookers having the

time of their lives. One good thing that the

visit has done is to show the outside world

that things in Canton are not so bad as they

are painted and that the authorities have

the best part of the army under good control.

Great praise is due the Governor for

his attention and interest taken in the outing

and to Mr. Haynes for the masterly way

he carried all arrangements through.

Another similar batch is due to-morrow

and the same programme will

## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday at the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALEY LUGAND, C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.  
Hon. Mr. C. M. CLEMENT (Colonial Secretary).  
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Hon. Mr. H. C. ROW.  
Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.  
Mr. R. H. CROFTON (Clerk of Councils).

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

## THE POST OFFICE AND LAW COURTS.—A COMMISSION APPOINTED.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 111 to 116, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

HIS EXCELLENCY seconded.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, in connection with these Financial Minutes, I beg to draw attention to Nos. 112 and 116, both for larger sums in respect of Government Offices and the Law Courts. The Hon. Colonial Secretary in Finance Committee will explain to you in full the items covered by these sums. I had intended to have laid before this meeting a statement in full, especially with regard to the Post Office, the larger vote. However, I thought it better to appoint a commission to inquire into the whole circumstances of the various supplementary votes which have been asked since the inception of these two undertakings. Of that commission the Colonial Treasurer is Chairman, and by kind permission of the General Officer Commanding, Colonel St. John will be a member. The Hon. Mr. Ross and Mr. Murray Stewart are members of the commission, which will sit as soon as possible. The Chairman of the Finance Committee will give you any immediate details which you may desire, and, as I said in my minute which was read at last meeting of the Finance Committee, the Hon. Director of Public Works has assured me that the money is being paid for work done to those who have earned it. It must be paid before the end of this financial year, and therefore I recommend the Council to pass these two votes and defer any criticism which may arise until we have the report of the commission, which will sit in the early part of next year.

The motion was agreed to.

## FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 23), and moved its adoption.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

## THE BUDGET OF THE COLONY.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg to move that the Council resume consideration of the resolution which I had the honour to move at the last meeting. I beg to suggest the following amendment: "On a date to be hereafter notified in the Government Gazette," these words to be added at the end of the resolution. Some little time must elapse before it can be produced on the seal and sign of the Colony. It cannot take effect on the same day as it was adopted.

Hon. Mr. ROSS—I regret to say that I am unable to support this resolution. I do not think this proposed badge or flag is artistic or that it has any meaning to the ordinary person at all. I do not think there are ten Europeans in the Colony who could tell you what those characters mean. They are not characters, known by very few people, and the badge merely appears to be a kind of mask. If Chinese characters are required at all, I suggest that the ordinary Chinese characters should be substituted in place of the seal characters. These are very difficult things to put on a flag, as there are so many different lines. In any case, the badge is not at all artistic. The design which appears on the back of the Hongkong and Shanghai bank notes is more artistic and more representative of the combination between England and China. The picture which the Colonial Secretary presented at the last meeting of the Council and which he criticised somewhat severely does not seem to me to be deserving of such criticism. It represents a Chinese merchant and a foreign merchant bargaining. The foreign merchant is certainly not shaking hands with his left hand. It is an old custom of bargaining, giving the left hand to the Chinaman. They would bargain with the left hand, the Chinaman working his fingers until they arrived at the price at which the produce was to be settled. The hills in the background certainly can do with improvement, and in that feature I would suggest that we should copy the Hongkong bank note design. I regret very much that owing to Volunteer duties I have been absent for five or six days, and I have not been able to prepare a sketch. I think that if we had a peak, a pagoda, a junk, and the Imperial crown above it, it would be a far more attractive design than that at present proposed.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I am invited to agree with the criticisms passed by the honourable member on my left. Surely it would not be beyond the powers of some artist in this Colony to sketch out a suitable design, showing the peak, the waters of the harbour, and a junk. We should have something emblematic of this Colony. I do not think I can agree with my colleague as to the pagoda, as in the first place I don't think we have any pagodas in the Colony. Some design following the Hongkong bank note could be worked up without any difficulty, and would be in all ways a suitable design. I think it is a great drawback to adopt anything as forming part of the device of this Colony that is a sealed book to not only foreigners but also to the great bulk of the Chinese population.

Hon. Mr. OSBORNE—I have asked one or two Chinese if they knew what these characters represented, and they told me they did not. I do not think any Chinese character at all should

appear on the British flag. (Hear, hear.) Even if you put ordinary written characters, such as Mr. Ross suggested, it would appear just as ridiculous in the eyes of the Chinese as Roman characters would appear in the eyes of the foreigners, that is to say, if you had under the British crown the word "Hongkong." I think we are agreed that it would appear ridiculous. It would appear equally ridiculous to the Chinese to have the same word in Chinese characters.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, I will move an amendment to the motion now before the Council that the vote on this resolution be adjourned. As three unofficial members have spoken in opposition to the badge which has been proposed I gather that some amendment to the existing badge may be desirable. It is a matter for discussion and there is no reason whatever for haste in disposing of the question. Therefore I propose we should hold over any positive or negative answer to the resolution until another meeting to see whether any artistic gentleman in the Colony can produce some design that would meet with more general favour.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

## QUESTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK asked the following question in his name:

1. What is the nature of the works which are in contemplation in the Hill District near the junction of the Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads?

2. For what reason are such works being undertaken?

3. Has the question of the desirability of undertaking such works been laid before the Public Works Committee? If not, why not?

4. What is the estimated cost of such works?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied as follows:

1. The work referred to consists of a diversion of Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads.

2. The work has been undertaken in fulfilment of an arrangement by Sir M. Nathan made with the lessee of the Peak Hotel property in May, 1911, whereby he agreed to surrender to Government the necessary land to enable the new road now being constructed from Victoria Gap to Plantation Road to be connected with Chamberlain Road, the Government giving in exchange the area which will be rendered available by the diversion already mentioned. The immediate inception of the new road has been urged upon the Government by the hon. member himself, who submitted a petition signed by 41 residents in the neighbourhood.

3. The alignment of the new road was referred to the Public Works Committee on September 28th, but the consequent diversion of Chamberlain and Pokfulam Roads resulted from the arrangement made in 1907.

4. The estimated cost of the diversion in question is \$2,750.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I do not think the Hon. Director of Public Works has fully answered my question.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—The hon. gentleman is not in order.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—I am in order. I want to ask this question. And I want an answer. I have got a right as a matter of order to have the question answered. The question has not been answered. I want to ask why this work was not referred to the Public Works Committee. The only answer I have got is that another road which would have certain results was referred to the Public Works Committee. It has not been explained why. It was part of that scheme it should have been referred to the Committee. It was not referred to the Public Works Committee.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I have already said that so long as the unofficial members consider that these clauses are controversial the Government will not insist on passing them. The Hon. Attorney General thought by saying a few additional words and explaining what had been done since last in that the objections of the unofficial members would have been removed. Apparently he has failed.

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HIS EXCELLENCY—The only words which I can add to those of the Hon. Director of Public Works is to point out that the Public Works Committee is a committee of this Council, and any reference to this Committee is made by the Council and not outside the Council. It has been the case on that minor works or works or which are not very important should not be referred to that Committee. Whether that is the best possible procedure is open perhaps to question. Hitherto it has been the custom in order that the opinion of the Public Works Committee might be taken on any work of magnitude to refer to them informally outside any reference by the Council to the Committee. In this particular case, as the work was practically part and parcel of a work which had been referred to the Works Committee, I did not consider it was necessary to call their attention to this special part. I was under the impression that the work in all its details had been discussed by the Public Works Committee.

HON. MR. POLLOCK—Amendment No. 2, 3, and 4 having been passed the Council resolved:

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H.M.S. "MINOTAUR" K.O.Y.L.I.  
15 Rounds

Shaman SUPER, v. Cpl. SCRUTON,  
H.M.S. "MINOTAUR" K.O.Y.L.I.  
6 Rounds

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10th January, 1912, in the Office of the  
Jockey Club, No. 3, Chater Road, at  
12.30 P.M. for the purpose of confirming the  
following Special Resolution carried at the  
Extraordinary General Meeting of Members  
held on SATURDAY, the 23rd December, 1911,  
viz.—

"That the words 'KIANGWAN RACE CLUB'  
(Shanghai) be added to Rule 1, Part 1 of the  
Rules of Racing."

By Order,  
T. F. Hough,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 26th December, 1911. [1475]

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## NOTICE.

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MEETING originally fixed for the  
13th, 14th and 15th February, 1912, are altered  
to one week later, and the Races Meeting will be  
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and FRIDAY, 23rd February, 1912, thereby  
coinciding with the usual Holidays following  
the Chinese New Year.

The Entries will close one week later than  
the date already fixed, viz., SATURDAY, the  
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MANGCHUAN	27,000	"	SATURDAY, 2nd Mar., at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	27,000	"	TUESDAY, 2nd April, at 1 P.M.
KOREA	18,000	"	

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PROPOSED SAILINGS.

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Perth, 31st October, 1911.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN  
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STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of Jan.	JAPAN	First half of Jan.
TJITAROEM	JAPAN	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIBODAS...	SHANGHAI	First half of Jan.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJIPANAS...	JAVA	First half of Jan.	JAVA	Second half of Jan.
TJILATJAP...	JAVA	Second half of Jan.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Jan.
TJIMANOEK	JAPAN	First half of Feb.	JAPAN	First half of Feb.
TJIMAH...	JAVA	First half of March.	JAVA	First half of March.

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York Buildings, 1st Floor,

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1911.

## A NOVEL PAINTING.

Our Paris correspondent writes:—

An interesting relic of the celebrated French painter Corot is to be seen in the gallery of a picture dealer in the Champs-Elysées. It takes the form of a wooden frame enclosing a grey high hat of a style "now forgotten quite." A card explains that "this landscape in the crown of the hat is guaranteed to be a genuine work of Corot." One sees a rapid study of the great artist. The artist has utilised the blue silk lining of the hat to improvise a beautiful sky of summer reflected in the peaceful water below.

Upon the bank are three trees and a picturesque

Baron tower, while white clouds among the

blue complete the scene. By no means is the

hat landscape an example of the eccentricity of

genius. It is the result of what appeared to be

the tragedy of a "white" hat which belonged

to a friend of the master. The friend, calling

on Corot, happened to place his hand now hat

near the easel. In extending the hand, Corot's

brush fell into the hat, leaving an indelible

mark. A cry of despair followed. "My hat is

spoiled," observed the visitor. "Not at all,"

said Corot, bursting into a hearty laugh. "I

will soon put that all right." The painter

brushed away the damp caused by the accident

and in a few minutes the picture was complete,

the result being that the owner of the hat left

the studio of his friend with a much more

valuable chapeau than that with which he

entered.

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## SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.  
CANADA MARU, Japanese str. 6,063, K. Hori, 23rd Dec.—Shanghai 25th Dec., General—Otsuka Shosen Kaisha.  
CHIANG-AN, British str. 1,424, M. Courthoy, 25th Dec.—Shanghai 24th and Swatow 27th Dec., General—Jardine Matheson & Co.  
DAIJI MARU, Japanese str. 846, H. Murayama, 28th Dec.—Swatow 27th Dec., General—Otsuka Shosen Kaisha.  
DAIYA MARU, Japanese str. 2,741, K. Kobayashi, 27th Dec.—Wakayama 21st Dec., Coal—Mitsui Coal & Kaisha.  
HATCHING, British str. 1,267, W. C. Passmore, 28th Dec.—Swatow 27th Dec., General—Douglas Laprade & Co.  
LINN, British str. 1,250, G. C. Williams, 27th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
SHINKODO MARU, Japanese str. 2,478, H. S. Kaneko, 23rd Dec.—Motoj 22nd Dec., Coal—Otsuka Shosen Kaisha.  
TINGSAH, British str. 1,045, J. McGuffing, 28th Dec.—Wakayama 22nd Dec., Coal—Jardine Matheson & Co.  
YESAN MARU, Japanese str. 2,124, Yerio, 28th Dec.—Motoj 22nd Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bisan Kaisha.

## CLEARANCES

THRU HARBOUR MASTERS OFFICE.

28th December.

Carl Dieleveich, German str., for Haiphong.  
Footong, British str., for Shanghai.  
Haining, British str., for Swatow.  
Kido, British str., for Shanghai.  
Saigon, British str., for Amoy.  
Takamatsu, British str., for Saigon.  
Tengy Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES

28th December.

CHENAN, British str., for Shanghai.  
DUMAGUE, British str., for Swatow.  
HONKONG, British str., for Amoy.  
KUTSUNG, British str., for Singapore.  
ONSAKH, British str., for Chingtao.  
TATATE, French str., for Kobe.  
TAMON MARU, Japanese str., for Canton.

## SHIPPING REPORT.

The British str. *Hainan* reports: Had moderate N.E. breeze and overcast, showery weather.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Linan, from Shanghai, Mr. Maithan—Per Chappung, from Shanghai, &c., Messrs. Ward and Mrs. Davis—Per Canada, Mrs. from Shanghai, Mr. A. A. Cook and Mr. C. Palmer.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S.S. Co. str. *Korea* from San Francisco sailed from Yokohama on the 25th inst., en route to Hongkong, and is due here on the 2nd prox.

The P. M. S.S. Co.'s str. *Siberia* sailed from San Francisco on the 19th inst. for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due to arrive here on the 19th prox.

The P. M. S.S. Co. str. *China* sailed from San Francisco on the 27th inst. for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 23rd prox.

## THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The 1 G.M. str. *Prins Waldemar* left Sydney on the 16th instant, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 8th prox.

The E. & A. str. *St. Albans* left Sydney on the 20th inst., for this port (via Queensland Ports, Timor and Manila).

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Empress of India* left Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong (via usual ports of call) at a.m. on the 14th inst.

## THE GERMAN MAIL.

The L.G.M. str. *Buelow*, carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 29th ult., left Singapore on the 24th inst., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here to-day at midnight.

## THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China str. *Laisong* left Calcutta for Hongkong on the 13th instant, and is due here on or about the 31st inst.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The str. *Glenquois* left Singapore on the 23rd inst., and is due here to-day p.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Nyassa* left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., at noon, and is due here to-morrow about noon.

The Arthur Niclson & Co. str. *Castor* left Salang on the 25th inst., and is expected here on or about the 2nd prox.

The H.A. str. *Sidonia* left Singapore on the 26th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd prox.

The T.K.K. str. *Singa Maru* sailed from San Francisco on the 13th inst. for Hongkong, and is due at Hongkong on the 5th prox.

The T.K.K. str. *Kyo Maru* sailed from Salang on the 12th instant for Hongkong, and is expected to arrive at this port on or about the 3rd February.

## PASSED THE CANAL.

December 1st—Dardanelles, Kanagawa Maru, Nippon, Siam, Silesia, Sumatra, Ficlo, 5th Asyuan, Tertan, Busan, Canton, Ivercyle, Paking, Tathun, Amoy, 8th Ajuda, Contra, Rango Maru, 12th—Cormarshshire, Jersey, Molo, Tonga Maru, 15th—Bolgarun, Ka o Maru, Siam, Telenacis, Welsh Prince, York, 19th—Ambrica, Bendran, Hainan, Quia, Sora, 22nd—Aitneus, Atua Maru, Errol, Gobea, Princess Alice, Sadien, Sydney, Proteus, Seneca.

## ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Dec. 22nd—Austria, Bayern, St. Patrick Nels.

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's

2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard

4. From Naval Yard to East Point

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	W. R. Hickey	P. & O. S. N. Co., JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
LONDON & ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	DEVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co., STEPHENSON, LTD.	On 10th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SYRIA	Brit. str.	—	Stahr	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	About 10th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SAXONIA	Brit. str.	—	Faass	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 16th Feb.
HAIRE, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SPESIA	Brit. str.	—	Moosa	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 27th Feb.
HAIRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	BLAUMARU	Brit. str.	—	Baldi	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 7th Jan.
HAIRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	BOHMUND	Brit. str.	—	Hause	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 13th Jan.
HAIRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SILSIA	Brit. str.	—	Buch	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 2nd Feb.
HAIRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SANBIA	Brit. str.	—	Brist	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 3rd Feb.
HAIRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	KITANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. T. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th Feb.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YOTO MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. T. Takeda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at D'light.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEGOVIA	Jap. str.	—	D'Int.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Jan., at D'light.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAMPA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Noda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd Jan.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TRISTAN	Jap. str.	—	Clinak	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PEPSIA	Jap. str.	—	Sander, Wieland & Co.	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 9th Jan.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DACRE CASTLE	Jap. str.	—	Dodwell & Co., LTD.	TO-MORROW, at Noon.	
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MONTRAIL	Jap. str.	—	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 27th Jan., at 7 A.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	UNIVERSITY OF INDIA	Jap. str.	—	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 9th Jan.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TENYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	TO-day, at Noon.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Brit. str.	—	TOYO KAISEN KAISHA	TO-YO KAISEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Brit. str.	—	W. W. Winkler	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 12th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	K. Kawara	GIBR. LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 6th Jan.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	H. B. Gomer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., A.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	Von D. Jalink	TO-YO KAISEN KAISHA	About 9th Jan.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	Richards	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	TO-morrow, at 11 A.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	T. A. Mitchell	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	TO-morrow, at 1 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	H. N. Rivers, E.N.C.	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 12th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	C. C. Williams	MECHERS & CO.	On 6th Jan.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	Selby	TO-YO KAISEN KAISHA	On 17th Feb., at Noon.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	M. Tabata	TO-YO KAISEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	T. Sato	TO-YO KAISEN KAISHA	On 3rd Inst., at D'light.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	Benson	TO-YO KAISEN KAISHA	TO-day, at Noon.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, E.N.C.	TO-YO KAISEN KAISHA	On 10th Jan., at M'night.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	J. B. Harris	ARTHUR NILSSON & CO.	On 7th Feb.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	Rooy	QUICK DESPATCH	On 10th Jan., at 8 A.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	W. C. Passmore	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 31st Inst., at 10 A.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LA PRAIA & CO.	TO-day, at 11 A.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	A. H. Stewart	DOUGLAS LA PRAIA & CO.	On 31st Inst., at 10 A.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LA PRAIA & CO.	On 3rd Jan., at 11 A.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	P. Cole	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	J. S. French	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	G. B. McGill	THE BANK LINE LTD.	On 3rd Jan., at 2 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Lishman	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 6th Jan., at 2 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	A. W. Outerbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	M. G. Smith	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 10th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MAESILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAMATO MARU	Brit. str.	—	V. Zwart	TO-YO KAISEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1911. 1670

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Monday, the 1st January, from 8 to 9 a.m. only.  
In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open  
one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be one delivery and one collection of letters on Sunday.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The *Bacchus*, with the German mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 24th inst., at 9 a.m.,  
and may be expected here to-day.The *Prima*, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

PORT	PRR	DATE
Haiphong (Taking Mails for Pakhoi)	Carl Diedrichsen	Friday, 29th, 8.00 A.M.
Saigon		Friday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Cleveland		Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Fokongs...		Friday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Printed Matter and Samples...		10.00 A.M.
Registration...		10.00 A.M.
Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.30 A.M.		10.00 A.M.
Registration Kowloon B.O. ...		10.00 A.M.
No late fee		11.00 A.M.
Letters...		11.15 A.M.
Friday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.		
Sui Tai		Friday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Landrat Schieff		Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Germany		Friday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Kwangtung		
Monteagle		
Feang Bee...		
Sunghsing		Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Prins Sigismund		Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Loongsing		Saturday, 30th, 1.00 P.M.
Sui Tai		Saturday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Lightning...		Saturday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.
Rabi		Saturday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Shansi		Saturday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Linan		
Registration 5.00 P.M.		
Letters 6.00 P.M.		
Mausong		Saturday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Daigai Hark		Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Haiyang		Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Choyang...		JANUARY, 1912—Monday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Tumba Maru		Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M.
Australia...		
Kuiechow		Tuesday, 2nd, 3.00 A.M.
Haiton		Tuesday, 2nd, 5.00 P.M.
Hainan		Wednesday, 3rd, 10.0 A.M.
Chinhus...		Thursday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila (Cebu and Iloilo)		Friday, 5th, Printed Matter and Samples...
Macao		10.00 A.M.
Bangkok		Registration... 10.15 A.M.
Koror, Yap, Ulithi, Sipan, Truk, Ponape, Russel, Malaita, Samar, Bratian, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle		Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
Manila (Cebu and Iloilo)		Registration, Kowloon B.O. at 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Angaur, Yap, Friedrich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Hirschhorn, Matapi Samar, Bratian, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle		No late fee
Macao		Letters 11.00 A.M.
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Manila, Margarita, Iloilo and Cebu		
Weihaiwei and Chefoo		
Shanghai		
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Persia...		

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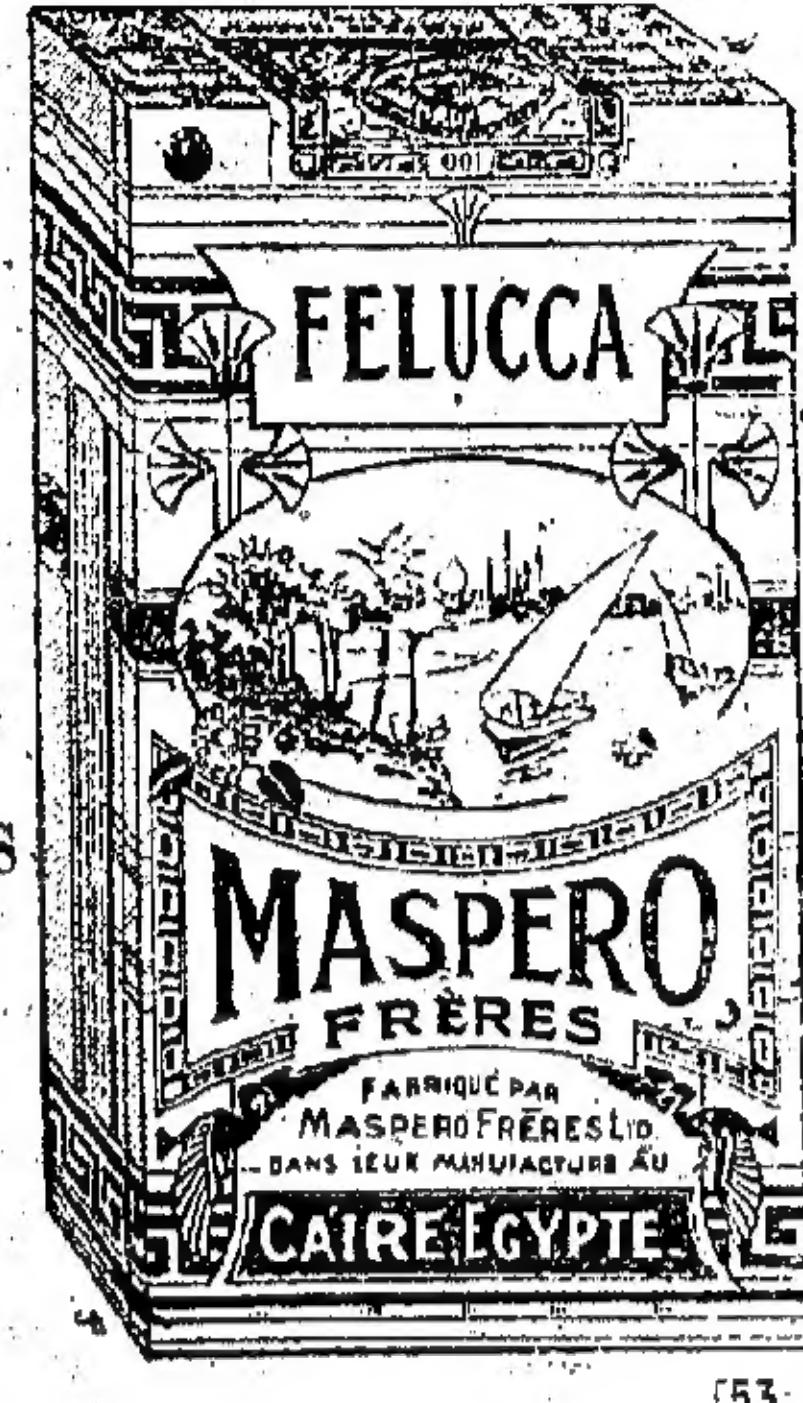
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ON SINGAPORE—	On demand.....	7.91
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